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Government Soap Factory, Calicut.

* 30 Q.—Sri P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the number of young men trained for soap-making in the Government Soap Factory at Calicut, and the amount spent on them in 1946–47;

(b) whether there is any proposal to start a Government Soap Factory in the Ceded districts;

(c) the quantity and cost of shark liver oil produced in the Government Factory; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to start a shark liver oil factory in any other part in the Province?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Industries):—" (a) Seventeen students were trained in the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut, during 1946–47 and the net amount spent on them is Rs. 10,732-2-7.

" (b) No, Sir.

" (c) Eleven thousand three hundred and eighty gallons of shark liver oil were produced in the Government Oil Factory, Calicut, during 1946–47 and the approximate cost of production is Rs. 99,490.

" (d) No, Sir."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know from the Government whether there is any difficulty in marketing the shark liver oil which they produce? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I should like to have notice, Sir."

Central Labour Organizations, etc.

* 31 Q.—Sri P. R. K. SARMA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether the Government deal with any Central Labour Organizations and Federations of Trade Unions and what they are?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Industries) :—" The hon. Member's question is not clear. If the point intended to be conveyed is whether Government will consider representations and views presented by Central Labour Organizations and Federations of Trade Unions, the answer is in the affirmative."

Sri P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know whether the Madras Provincial Trade Union Congress is consulted on labour matters by the Madras Government, Sir? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I should like to have notice, Sir, as the Hon. Minister in charge is not here."